

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Nelson Building, Connor's Pharmacy

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

102 North Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Permelia D. Nelson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 113

Folio #: 493

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

QA-321

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nelson Building, until recently occupied by Connor's Pharmacy, is located on the northeast corner of North Commerce Street and Railroad Avenue in Centreville.

The first story of this 2 1/2 story brick Victorian building is used for commercial purposes, while the upper two stories are divided into apartments. For many years the first story was occupied by Connor's Pharmacy. Following the recent liquidation of that business, the space was taken over by an antique/used furniture business.

The store front of the front facade, facing Commerce Street, has been completely renovated in the mid-20th century, leaving only the original bracketed cornice between the first and second story. A door in the north bay of the first story, to the left of the store front, leads up to the second story. Three 1/1 windows are ranged across the second story; the asbestos shingle siding is presumably applied over the original brick facade. A second bracketed cornice is carried across the second story eave below a mansard roof with three pitched-roof 1/1 dormers. Certainly the most

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

distinguishing feature of this building is a projecting semi-octagonal bay on the southwest corner of the second story. Single 1/1 windows are centered on each of the three principal facets of this projecting bay. The first floor cornice turns the corner and is carried around the base of the bay.

On the south facade, facing Railroad Avenue, there are three small three-light windows placed high up on the first story, three large 1/1 windows on the second story, and three 2/2 pitched roof dormers on the third story. A single door in ^{the} east end of the first story opens into the rear stairhall. The brickwork on this facade remains exposed. It is laid in seven-course bond, painted red. The bracketed second story cornice and mansard roof are carried across this facade.

The north facade and most of the rear or east wall are covered by adjacent buildings. The exposed portion of the rear wall is painted white, and a door at the south end of the second story opens onto a porch on the adjoining building.

The first floor interior has been altered over the years, but an original Victorian stair survives in the rear hall, although no longer in use.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in the late 19th or very early 20th century, the brick building known as 102 North Commerce Street combines commercial space on the first floor with apartments on the second and third stories. The first floor was occupied for many years by Connor's Pharmacy and before that by the Sunset Pharmacy. It is primarily significant as an example ^{of} Victorian commercial architecture and as an important commercial site in Centreville.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

9/16/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XIX; Recorded August 13, 1980.

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Connor's Pharmacy
102 N. Commerce St,
Centerville

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TURPINS LANE

STREET

HAYDEN STREET

ALSO

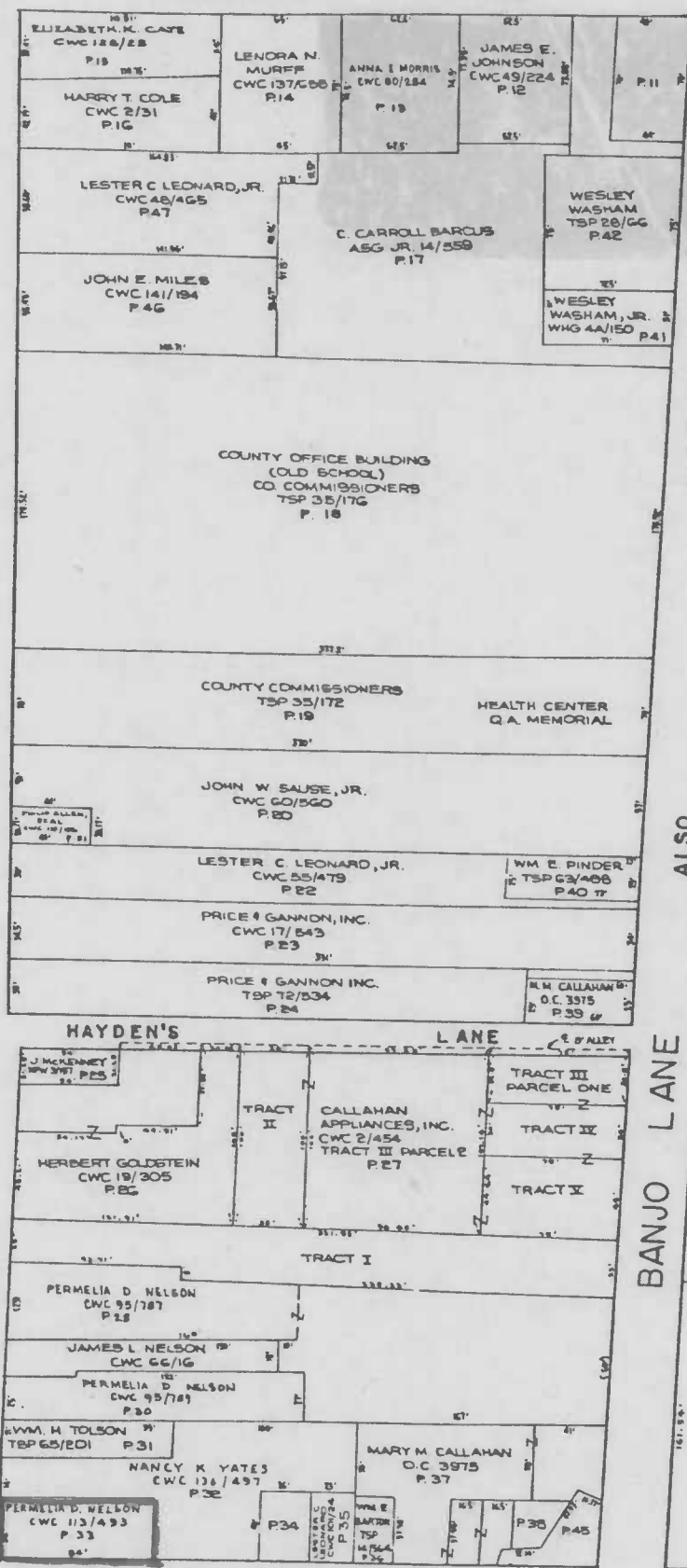
BANJO LANE

BROADWAY

LAWYERS ROW

COMMERCE

WATER STREET



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Connors' Pharmacy

Mary McCarthy
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102 North Commerce St.
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from Southwest